Decision 03-01-009 January 16, 2003

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of J. C. Bangerter & Sons, Inc., for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to operate as a highway common carrier under Public Utilities Code Section 1063.

Application 92-09-054 (Filed September 1, 1992)

Dick Simon Trucking, Inc.,

Complainant,

VS.

Case 93-03-071 (Filed March 26, 1993)

J. C. Bangerter & Sons, Inc.,

Defendant.

ORDER CLOSING DOCKETS

This order dismisses two proceedings for staleness and lack of jurisdiction.

These two matters have been pending without activity for many years. The application is a request for a certificate of public convenience and necessity as a highway common carrier pursuant to former Public Utilities Code Section 1063. The complaint is by another carrier who not only challenged the application, but also sought revocation of certain existing authority of the applicant, specifically revocation of highway contract carrier and agricultural carrier permits.

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Since the filing of these matters, the Legislature enacted AB 1683 (Stats. 1996, ch. 1042). AB 1683 repealed the Highway Carriers' Act (Pub. Util. Code § 3501 et seq.), thereby removing the statutory jurisdiction of this Commission over the transporation of property over the public highways in California, with the exception of household goods movers.

Jurisdiction over motor carriers of property, other than household goods movers, now rests with the California Department of Motor Vehicles and the California Highway Patrol. (See Motor Carriers of Property Permit Act, Vehicle Code Section 34600 et seq.)

In light of the fact that this Commission lacks jurisdiction over motor carriers of property, these matters should be dismissed for lack of jurisdiction.

Comments on Draft Decision

The draft decision of the ALJ in this matter was mailed to the parties in accordance with Pub. Util. Code § 311(g)(1) and Rule 77.7 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure. No comments were filed.

Assignment of Proceeding

Geoffrey Brown is the Assigned Commissioner and Philip Weismehl is the assigned Administrative Law Judge in these proceedings.

Findings of Fact

- 1. This Commission regulated motor carriers of property until the passage of AB 1683, which became effective September 29, 1996.
- 2. AB 1683 revoked this Commission's jurisdiction over highway motor carriers of property, other than household goods movers.

Conclusions of Law

1. The Commission lacks jurisdiction over the subject matter of both the application and the complaint.

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2. This order should be made effective immediately to expeditiously remove stale proceedings from the Commission's dockets of active matters.

IT IS ORDERED that Application 92-09-054 and Case 93-03-071 are dismissed and the dockets are closed.

This order is effective today.

Dated January 16, 2003, at San Francisco, California.

MICHAEL R. PEEVEY
President
CARL W. WOOD
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